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# BRITAIN'S ANSWER TO DISARMAMENT PLAN

## Stress On Need For Practical Rome Goes To The Left And Useful Schemes Bevin On Lessons Of Two Wars

### JEW TERRORIST IN PARIS?

Paris, Nov. 12.  
The French police were tonight checking reports, so far completely without confirmation, that Mr. Nathan Friedman, leader of the Jewish terrorist Stern Gang, was staying with accomplices in a small cafe in the Italian quarter.  
He was rumored to have gone there to direct "operations against Britain."  
Crime reporters of Paris newspapers also took up the hunt and combed the Montparnasse area for clues.—Reuter.

### Sabotage In Soviet Zone

Berlin, Nov. 11.  
Two more factory fires, believed to be the work of sabotage arson groups operating in Saxony, in the Soviet zone, were reported from Dresden today.  
The factories were the Glas Spinning plant, near Krehna, and the Hoechst Cellulose Works at Pirna.  
The outbreak at the Hoechst works was the second in ten days. Five other factories went up in flames earlier this month.  
Newspapers have published an offer of 100,000 marks reward for information leading to the arrest of saboteurs.—Reuter.

### "Segregation First Essential"?

Montgomery, Alabama, Nov. 12.  
Negroes and whites can live together peacefully and harmoniously, Governor Chaunce Sparks declared today, only if they recognize that "absolute segregation" is "the first essential of a workable racial society."  
Prospects for such an era in the South are "good," he added.  
In a written answer to a list of questions submitted by the Associated Press, the Governor spoke out against what he termed "outside interference" and said the South cannot solve its racial problems "as long as we are

### Most Urgent Problem

Lake Success, Nov. 11.  
European relief is the "most practical and urgent problem facing the United Nations," Mr. Fiorenzo LaGuardia, UNRRA Director, told the United Nations Economic Committee today.  
He said: "At this moment, when there are such serious differences between East and West, surely statesmen cannot fail to grasp every opportunity to meet the cleavage among nations. If it is left to any one nation or group of nations to provide aid to any specific country by predilection or choice as well as freezing or freezing any particular country which for the moment may not be good in the eyes of a contributing country, it would destroy everything that is being accomplished by UNRRA."  
Mr. LaGuardia announced he understood Russia would be prepared to cooperate in handling the relief problem internationally, if the United Nations agency, other than UNRRA, were created for the job.—Reuter.

London, Nov. 12.  
Orders and documents signed by Napoleon Bonaparte, bound in eight red vellum volumes, were bought at Sotheby's today for £2,200 and will be added to a Royal Library.  
The purchaser said he was unable to disclose for which Royal collection the volumes were destined.—Reuter.

Rome, Nov. 12.  
The four-party Leftist block swept to power today in Rome's municipal elections, while in Florence the victorious Communist hoisted the red flag on the historic Palazzo Vecchio.  
Returns from 1,241 of Rome's 1,256 polling places gave the "Vote of the people" combined Communist-Socialist two minor Leftist parties 180,215 votes.  
Giuseppe Giannini's Communist Movement, often accused by the Leftists of having Fascist leanings, made a spectacular showing in Rome, where it was virtually sure of second place with 105,741 votes.  
The Leftist victory was a staggering blow to Premier Alcide De Gasperi's Christian Democratic Party, winner in last June's national elections. It took third place with 102,252 votes.  
Florence Communists, who took first place in the municipal balloting with 64,030 votes, raised red flags on many landmarks and rang the famous bell of the Renaissance capital. The Christian Democrats were second in Florence with 45,010 votes. The Socialists were third with 41,374. Leftist parties were running ahead in other large cities.—Associated Press.

### Gen. Leese's Farewell

London, Nov. 11.  
General Leese, former commander of the 8th Army and Allied Land Forces in South-east Asia, who is retiring from the Army next month, today addressed a farewell parade at headquarters of Eastern Command. He has been General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command, for almost a year.  
After the Armistice Day service in the barracks chapel, General Leese thanked members of the command for their services.—Reuter.

New York, Nov. 12.  
Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, in a speech here last night gave Britain's answer to the suggested disarmament plan. He said: "The British Government strove for disarmament before the last Great War and their unilateral action nearly brought disaster, but if it can now be secured universally then the Government will not fall behind in disarmament."  
Mr. Bevin was speaking at a dinner at the Foreign Press Association which was attended by Mr. James F. Byrnes, the United States State Secretary, M. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, and virtually every United Nations delegation.

"Nobody can accuse the present British Government of wishing to consume the energies of the people in making destructive weapons when they might be devoting their skill and attention to peacetime production and raising the standard of life," Mr. Bevin said.  
"If I have not hitherto been eloquent on the subject of disarmament, my silence must not be misconstrued. It is because I wish to see practical and useful schemes worked out."  
"Disarmament, like Democracy, is a word that fires the imagination and provokes enthusiasm, but we must be sure in using it that we are doing more than merely using words, and that in proposing disarmament we also are putting forward something constructive to maintain order and security among nations."

**Take No Risks**  
"We are of course, immediately up against the question of sovereignty. Governments feel they can take no risks with their citizens. The United Nations feel, if they are to accomplish their purpose, they must, in fact, be able to protect from aggression and war, every person in every state, more effectively than he can be protected by the government of the country to which he belongs."  
"To create hope in peoples' hearts and then to fail creates despair."

Mr. Bevin said the existing world-wide human urge to prevent war provided "the greatest chance we ever had of developing a great moral force for supporting the observance of international law."

**The Two Wars**  
He continued: "I am not unduly perturbed that there should be so much talk about future trouble. It is right; doubts and fears should be discussed and expressed in the same way that hopes and promises are expressed. There was a tendency between the two Great Wars for people, politicians and statesmen to think they had only to say they did not want a war for peace to prevail without effort on their part."

"It will need time to create the right atmosphere of confidence in the belief that the different political conceptions which exist in the world today can work together in harmony."  
**Dominant Nationalism**  
"It is in real security that doubts and difficulties arise and perplex thinking. It is in this field that dominant nationalism plays such a tremendous part. Every Government and state feels bound to take adequate precautions against possible attack from a neighbour state. Statesmen must develop a policy that would make the need for weapons of war unnecessary. Weapon destructiveness must cease and constructive security must be the universal objective."

"Only good foreign relations make this possible. We must arrange our collective defences to prevent any resurgence of spirit of aggression."  
**M. Molotov**  
M. Molotov said: "The Soviet delegation put forward the proposal at the United

Nations for a general reduction of armaments. It is also well known that at the General Assembly the United States delegation supported this proposal. The American delegation has already met the proposal of the Soviet Union and I want to declare that for its part, the Soviet delegation is also willing to meet the United States delegation."

### LOOT DISCOVERED

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 11.  
Jewels, believed to form part of those stolen recently from the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, have been found on an air passenger from Rome, states an unconfirmed report received today from Recife (Pernambuco), a seaport town in the north of Brazil.  
Later reports confirmed that a large quantity of jewels, of great value and possibly part of those stolen from the Windsors, were discovered when a Constabulary plane arrived at Recife. They were discovered in the luggage of a passenger described as an Italian, and were confiscated by the local police.—Reuter.

### Wealthy Chinese Detained

Honolulu, Nov. 12.  
Two wealthy Chinese brothers from Hong Kong are being held here pending appraisal of jade which they failed to list in the Customs declaration.  
The brothers are identified as Keng Yue-nue and Keng Mue-nue. Both are British subjects and are en route to the United States and Canada on a combined business and pleasure trip.  
The Keng family is said to have extensive bank and tin mine holdings in the Far East.—Associated Press.

### Appointment

London, Nov. 11.  
Mr. Robert Scott, Financial Secretary of Palestine, has been appointed Colonial Secretary, Gold Coast, in succession to Mr. H. L. Gurney, whose appointment as Chief Secretary of Palestine was announced last September.—Reuter.

war we can now proceed to reducing the armaments in our own countries. This will end the armaments race which has now started.  
"We must carry out a general armaments reduction according to a single plan and under the direct guidance of the United Nations."—Reuter.

### KILLED A BOY

Berlin, Nov. 11.  
Captain Colin Rodney Parks of the 11th Hussars, 21-year-old son of Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Parks, and Lieutenant John Armstrong of the 11th Hussars, who recently pleaded guilty at a court martial at Berlin, Prussia, to charges of gross negligence leading to manslaughter of a 10-year-old German boy, have been dismissed from the Service.  
The findings of the court martial, held on Oct. 7, were made known today. The court was told that after drinking whiskey and wine, the officers fired long bursts from the guns of an armoured scout car and the boy was killed.—Reuter.

### Two Girls Poisoned In Bed

Two well-dressed young Chinese girls were found poisoning in room No. 327 of the Great Eastern Hotel, Connaught Road Central, early yesterday morning.  
The room boy, who heard moaning inside the room, broke open the door and discovered the girls.  
The Police were immediately informed and an ambulance summoned. One of the girls, Cheung Yue-ling, 19, was dead before medical aid arrived, while Chan Yin-mui, 18, was in a fair condition.

### OFFICERS MORE PRONE TO SUICIDE

(By Ruth Cowan)  
Washington, Nov. 12.  
The suicide rate of World War II officers was twice that of enlisted men, and the number of doctors and nurses who killed themselves was far out of proportion.

These are among the findings in an Army Institute of Pathology report based on the studies of 1,179 suicides and 650 homicides among Army personnel.

Captain Norman Zamchick, now with the Harvard Medical School, and Murray A. Geisler, an Institute statistician, said today that many of their findings tended to support trends among civilians. For instance:  
About four times as many soldiers over 40 years committed suicide as did those between 20 and 29. Civilian statistics show that the suicide rate between 40 and 50 is from two to three times that between 20 to 29.

**Morning Suicides**  
Also, Army suicides were more frequent in the morning, reaching a peak between 7 and 8 o'clock. This was ascribed in part to sleepless nights of worry. Thus, often a person has started the day's work, the impulse to self-destruction strikes. The peak on Sunday was from 9 to 11 a.m., probably due to the later rising hour.  
However, Sunday accounted for the lowest number—141 out of the 1,179. "Blue Monday" accounted 151. Thursdays and Saturdays tied for high with 167. The report ascribed the higher

rate among officers to greater age and responsibilities and said the probable reason for the large number of suicides among doctors and nurses was their familiarity with and access to poisons and lethal drugs.

### At Night

The 650 homicide cases studied presented a picture in some respects almost opposite to that of suicides.  
The maximum age of homicide victims was between 20 and 30. And the rate among officers was only one-third that of enlisted men.  
The majority met death after 6 p.m., with the largest number between 11 p.m. and midnight. Sixty per cent occurred in the course of fights and 42 per cent of the victims were Negroes.—Associated Press.

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### The Address From The Throne

London, Nov. 12.  
Thousands of grim and watchful policemen guarded the King and the Prime Minister against any possible Jewish extremist attacks amid the pomp and ceremony of the opening today of the second session of Parliament since the general election.

A Government spokesman discounted British press suggestions that a campaign of violence by underground organisations was in prospect in England, but police officials were reported to have taken the unusual step of issuing firearms to plain-clothes men, who normally go unarmed.

Although much of the prewar splendour of the centuries-old tradition of opening Parliament was restored, there were still many reminders of the long struggle against the Axis—including the bomb shattered Houses of Parliament.

"My Government will forward by every means at their disposal a policy with regard to governance of India laid down in the statements made by them and by the mission of my Ministers which recently visited India," His Majesty the King told the assembled Lords and Commons in the throne room of the House of Commons today.

He was delivering an address from the Throne at the ceremonial opening of the new session of Parliament which outlined, according to ancient constitutional usage, the Labour Government's programme for its second session.

### Tribute To House-Wives

As expected, nationalisation of transport and electricity figured prominently in the priority list. With a promise of more food and housing, the King's address also contained a special tribute to the housewives "who have had to bear a specially heavy burden" owing to the shortages. Dealing with foreign and imperial relations, the King said:  
"My Ministers will shortly meet representatives of the United States, Russia and France to discuss the future of Germany. It will be their aim to establish in Germany conditions which will foster true democracy, will guarantee the world against further attempts at world domination and will remove the financial burden which occupation had laid on my people."

"I trust that at an early date, a treaty will be concluded with Austria which will enable all the forces of occupation to be withdrawn from that country."

The control of Japan and the measures taken to bring about a stable and just settlement in the Far East will remain the concern of my Ministers.

"The General Assembly of the United Nations, has resumed, in New York, the session begun in London last January. It will be the policy of my Government to share fully both in these discussions and in the meetings of those other international bodies which have been created to foster mutual help and understanding among the nations of the world."

"I earnestly hope that the preparatory work for the International conference on trade and employment which is now proceeding in London will lay the foundations for an increase in international trade over a wide area and for the maintenance of high and stable levels of employment in all countries of the world. My Government will use every endeavour to bring these and wider international discussions to a successful conclusion."

"My Ministers will continue to develop existing intimate understandings and close working relations between this country and the self-governing members of the British Commonwealth. My Government will forward by every means at their disposal a policy with regard to the governance of India laid down in the statements made by them."

Steps are being taken to hold elections in Burma early next year as a necessary preliminary to further constitutional progress.

"In the territories for which my Government are responsible they will seek actively to promote the welfare of my people, to develop the economic life of the territories and to give my people all the practical guidance in their march to self-government that is possible."

"The Queen and I are looking forward with the greatest pleasure to the visit which we propose to pay to South Africa early next year."—Associated Press and Reuter.

### RELEASE DATE CONFUSION

Cairo, Nov. 11.  
As a result of a recent statement regarding new release dates, certain soldiers of some of the administrative establishments at Tel el Kebir, mid-way between Cairo and Ismailia, were missing from their work on Saturday.

Meetings were held expressing disappointment with the announcement.  
Incidents also occurred at Port Said, Suez, and Abassia (Cairo).  
The statement added there had been no disorders and only small numbers of men were missing from work.

The new release dates were announced in the House of Commons last week by the Minister of Labour, Mr. George Isaacs.—Reuter.

### BRITISH COAL STAYS AT HOME

London, Nov. 11.  
The Minister of Fuel and Power, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, cannot yet forecast the early export of coal to Germany, Norway and other European countries.  
After a press conference here today, he said: "I am naturally anxious to step up exports, but with rising inland consumption the problem becomes more difficult. In order to provide for exports, I want four or a quarter million tons of coal per week, and we are not quite up to that."—Reuter.

### 800 Miner Repatriates Leaving On Monday

(By "Paul Pry")  
About half of the 1,700 Chinese repatriates from Java who have been refusing to leave Hong Kong until their claim against the Netherlands Government is settled in their favour have agreed to leave the Colony on Monday next.

As reported exclusively in the "China Mail" a few days ago, the repatriates have now abandoned their intransigent stand which culminated in a sit-down protest outside the Netherlands Consulate and a short-lived hunger-strike, and have now agreed to proceed to their homes and there await the result of the negotiations conducted by their appointed representatives.

Monday's batch of some 800 repatriates is principally bound for the Canton and Kiangnan areas.

I was informed late last night that the rest of the 1,700 will be leaving Hong Kong in the very near future.

The miners went to Java just before the Japanese occupation to work in the Netherlands tin mines. On their arrival here some two months ago on repatriation, they refused to proceed on to their destinations until they had been paid \$1.42 a day for the 3 years 8 months of the Japanese occupation.

### DAMAGE BY H.K. VANDALS

Damage by vandals to bridges and other public works within the past two months has been estimated at approximately \$15,000, Mr. G. D. Woolgar, of the Public Works Department, told the Magistrate, Mr. Horace Lo, at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Mr. Woolgar said that ironwork and some other more expensive materials were the principal prey of the thieves and that the situation was proving costly to Government. The statement came in connection with a case in which five Chinese were charged with malicious damage to the cement bridge at Talmoshan, Catchewat.

A police patrol had come over a party of Chinese hammering away at the bridge and arrested three. Further investigation led to a raid on a house in Shamshuipo district where a considerable quantity of iron was recovered and two further arrests made. The five accused were sentenced to a total of six months' hard labour.

### THE WEATHER

A strong anticyclone over Central China extends eastward. Shallow depressions cover Hokkaido, the Sea of Japan and to the S of Honshu. Pressure is also low in a trough extending from Malaya to the Philippines and then eastward to the Carolines.  
Today's Forecast: E and NE winds, moderate onshore, fresh offshore; cloudy with drizzle or light rain at first; improving slowly.  
Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 72.1 deg. Fah. Minimum: 68.4 deg. Fah. Max. Rel. Humidity: 94 per cent. Sunshine: Nil. Rainfall: 0.025 inches. Cloud: 4/100. Wind: 4/10. "2"

New York, Nov. 11.  
By 42 votes to none against, with seven abstentions, the United Nations Political Committee today decided to refer back to the Security Council for reconsideration, the previously rejected applications for membership of El Salvador, Albania, Mongolia, Portugal and Trans-Jordan.—Reuter.